

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 16, 17, 23, 25, 30, 37, 39, and 44 are amended. Claims 1, 4, 10-13, 15-17, 23, 25, 27, 30, 37, 39, 41, 44, and 49 are independent.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4, 12, 14, 15, 17, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 50, and 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 12, 17, 25, and 39 have been amended as independent claims incorporating the features of their respective base claims, and are thus in condition for allowance.

PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, 27, 30, 33-35, 37, 38, 41, 44, and 46-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being disclosed by U.S. Patent No. 6,119,179 to Whitridge et al. (hereinafter Whitridge). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a personal digital assistant (PDA), which stores the phone features, and the corresponding policies, designated for a particular user. The invention allows these features to

be available to the user in situations where the user cannot use his/her own phone.

This invention is specifically concerned with features, which are set up for a particular user and designated to the user's telephone number. As such, these phone features are normally tied to a designated location (e.g., a house phone, an office phone, or a cell phone). The present invention allows a user to access his/her personal phone features using a different phone (having a different telephone number) than the one to which the features are designated.

Specifically, the invention allows the user to download the particular phone policies required to implement these features to an Internet Protocol (IP) phone. As a result, the IP phone can be operated as the user's personal phone because the IP phone can implement the user's personal features using the downloaded phone policies.

In order to more clearly indicate that the invention is directed to phone features designated for a particular telephone number, independent claims 1, 10, and 37 have been amended to recite a PDA including at least one phone feature, which is set up in a telecommunication system for a particular phone number. Applicant respectfully submits that these amended claims differentiate over the Whitridge patent.

Whitridge fails to disclose any phone features designated to a particular phone number. Accordingly, Whitridge fails to disclose any

phone policies, which are required to implement such features. Whitridge's PDA phone device only discloses features, which are not specifically designated for the user or the user's telephone number, and therefore do not require phone policies for implementation. Since Whitridge fails to disclose a phone policy set up for a particular phone number and a corresponding phone policy, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 10, and 37 are allowable at least for these reasons.

Another feature of the present invention is that the PDA can store a list of available features and policies, from which the user can select his/her own personal features which are to be downloaded to an IP phone. Independent claims 16, 23, 30, and 44 have been amended to more clearly recite selecting and programming user's personal phone features and phone policies from a stored list of features and policies. Applicant respectfully submits that Whitridge fails to disclose anything with respect to selecting features from a list stored in a PDA, and programming these features as the user's personal features. Accordingly, claims 16, 23, 30, and 44 are not disclosed by Whitridge.

Independent claims 27, 41, and 49 each recite storing phone policies of a plurality of users in a PDA, and displaying phone configurations. In the Response filed by Applicant on April 30, 2002, Applicant argued that Whitridge fails to disclose either of these steps. In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner has failed to respond to this

argument. Further, the Examiner has not pointed out any particular section of Whitridge disclosing these features in either the outstanding Office Action, or the preceding Office Action of January 30, 2002.

As mentioned in MPEP 2131, a prior art reference must teach every element of a claim to anticipate the claimed invention. Since the Examiner has failed to show where Whitridge discloses either a data set including phone policies of a plurality of users, or displaying phone configurations, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has failed to provide a *prima facie* showing that these claims are anticipated by Whitridge.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 27, 41, and 49 are allowable at least for these reasons. Should the Examiner not find Applicant's arguments persuasive as to these claims, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to clearly designate the portion of Whitridge that teaches these features, and to respond to Applicant's arguments, in a new non-final Office Action.

Since independent claims 1, 10, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30, 37, 41, 44, and 49 are allowable for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2, 5-9, 11, 16, 18-21, 24, 33-35, 38, and 46-48 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on the above independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this Amendment After Final is respectfully requested. In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the various rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

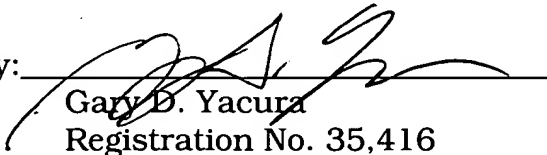
In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 390-3030 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicate insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

1. (Amended) A method of operating a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) with an Internet Protocol (IP) phone device in a telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

arranging information within the PDA to correspond to at least one of first and second data sets, the first data set including phone features of a user, at least one of the phone features being set up in the telecommunication system for a particular phone number, the second set including phone policies of the user; and

operating the IP phone device according to the arranged information.

4. (Amended) [The] A method [as defined in claim 1 further] of operating a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) with an Internet Protocol (IP) phone device, comprising the steps of:

arranging information within the PDA to correspond to at least one of first and second data sets, the first data set including phone features of a user, the second set including phone policies of the user;

operating the IP phone device according to the arranged information;

prestoring identity information of the user in the PDA; and
verifying, in the PDA, the identity of a current user based on the
prestored identity information.

10. (Amended) A method of operating a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), comprising the steps of:

arranging information within the PDA to correspond to at least one of first and second data sets, the first data set including phone features of a user, at least one of the phone features being set up in a telecommunication system for a particular phone number, the second data set including phone policies of the user; and

transferring the arranged information to an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX).

12. (Amended) The method [as defined in claim 10 further] of operating a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), comprising the steps of:

arranging information within the PDA to correspond to at least one of first and second data sets, the first data set including phone features of a user, the second data set including phone policies of the user;

transferring the arranged information to an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX);

prestoring identification data of the user in the PDA; and

verifying, before said arranging step, the identity of a current user of the PDA based on the prestored identification data.

16. (Amended) A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), comprising:
a memory for storing a list of phone features and phone policies therein; and

software stored in the memory for allowing a user to select and program user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA [using] from the stored list of phone features and phone policies.

17. (Amended) [The PDA as defined in claim 16] A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), comprising:

a memory for storing a list of phone features and phone policies therein; and

software stored in the memory for allowing a user to program user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA using the stored list of phone features and phone policies, wherein

the memory includes prestored identification data for the user, and said PDA further includes a security unit for verifying the identity of a current PDA user based on the prestored identification data.

23. (Amended) A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) capable of communicating with an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX), comprising:

a memory for storing a list of phone features and phone policies within the PDA;

a computer program stored in the memory for allowing a user to select and program user's personal phone features and phone policies [using] from the list of phone features and phone policies; and

a connection for connecting the PDA and the IP-PBX.

25. (Amended) [The PDA as defined in claim 23] A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) capable of communicating with an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX), comprising:

a memory for storing a list of phone features and phone policies within the PDA;

a computer program stored in the memory for allowing a user to program user's personal phone features and phone policies using the list of phone features and phone policies; and

a connection for connecting the PDA and the IP-PBX, wherein the memory further stores prestored identification data for the user.

30. (Amended) A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) comprising:

first means for storing at least one of first and second data sets within the PDA, the first data set including a list of predetermined phone features, the second data set including a list of predetermined phone policies;

second means for selecting and programming user's personal phone features and phone policies [using] from the stored at least one of first and second data sets; and

third means for storing the programmed user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA.

37. (Amended) A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) for communicating with an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX), comprising:

means for allowing programming of user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA, at least one of the phone features being set up in a telecommunication system for a particular phone number; and

connection means for connecting the PDA and the IP-PBX.

39. (Amended) [The PDA as defined in claim 37 further] A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) for communicating with an Internet Protocol-Public Branch Exchange (IP-PBX), comprising:

means for allowing programming of user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA;

connection means for connecting the PDA and the IP-PBX; and

storage means for prestoring identification data of the user.

44. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium of a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), comprising:

a first source code segment for storing a list of phone features and phone policies within the PDA; and

a second source code segment for selecting and programming user's personal phone features and phone policies within the PDA from the stored list of phone features and phone policies.